

ACTIVITY: Standing

CASE: [GSAF 2010.07.19](#)

DATE: Monday July 19, 2010

LOCATION: The accident took place in the Atlantic Ocean off 69th Avenue North in Myrtle Beach, Horry County, South Carolina, USA.

NAME: Josh Myers

DESCRIPTION: He is a 10-year-old male from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.



Josh Myers

BACKGROUND

ENVIRONMENT: Witnesses saw baitfish in the water and a shark's fin amid them moments before the boy was bitten.

DISTANCE FROM SHORE: 20 yards

DEPTH OF WATER: Three feet

TIME: 10h30

NARRATIVE: "I was just standing still and a wave crashed against me because it wasn't that high and I felt a tug on my leg. I thought it was Jake pulling on my leg, playing a practical joke," said Myers. "I felt this little pain, then I started limping and I started saying, 'I'm bleeding, I'm bleeding'," said Myers. Witnesses saw the shark swim away, and a lifeguard called people out of the water.

INJURY: Minor punctures and lacerations to calf, heel and foot.

FIRST AID / TREATMENT: The boy was taken by ambulance to an emergency room. His injuries were repaired with 19 stitches.

SPECIES: It was thought that the incident involved a small shark, possibly a small blacktip shark.

SOURCES: SC Now, July 19, 2010; The Sun News, July 19, 2010; Fox 43, July 23, 2010

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